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Connecticut SAT School Day

Commissioner's Letter regarding the Connecticut SAT for Grade 11

The 2016 Connecticut SAT administration date is Wednesday, March 2, 2016. The 2016 Connecticut SAT makeup date is Wednesday, April 27, 2016. Commissioner Dianna R. Wentzell's [SAT for Grade 11 letter](#) to superintendents provides additional details.

School Registration

On November 16, District Test Coordinators received an e-mail from Abe Krisst regarding Connecticut SAT school registration and designating Test Center Supervisors (School Test Coordinators). District Test Coordinators who did not receive this e-mail or have questions should contact Michelle Rosado at Michelle.Rosado@ct.gov.

Overview of Connecticut SAT School Day Webinar

Join the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the College Board to learn about the Connecticut SAT School Day. The College Board will provide an overview of the implementation timeline, administration, and planning for test day. The webinar will be recorded and archived.

Overview of Connecticut SAT School Day Webinar	Wednesday December 2, 2015	2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Register
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Connecticut SAT Implementation Workshop

The CSDE will be holding a Connecticut SAT Implementation Workshop on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. Participants will be provided with information regarding the 2016 administration of the Connecticut SAT to Grade 11 students. Participants will learn about the redesigned SAT and the policies and procedures associated with test day. The workshop is intended for District Test Coordinators and Test Center Supervisors (School Test Coordinators). District Test Coordinators and Test Center Supervisors (School Test Coordinators) should register for **one** half-day workshop by December 3, 2015.

Connecticut SAT Implementation Workshop	Date	Time
Crowne Plaza 100 Berlin Road Cromwell, CT 06416	Wednesday December 9, 2015	8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Register
		1:00 – 4:30 p.m. Register

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Connecticut SAT Train the Trainer Workshops

The College Board, in conjunction with the CSDE, will be providing several train the trainer workshops in the areas of English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. The workshops are intended to prepare school and district staff to train their teams on content critical shifts on the redesigned SAT. Each district (including Approved Private Special Education Programs) can register **two staff members** to participate in a full-day workshop. Department leaders, teachers, curriculum specialists or others who expect to present this training to their respective district teams are invited to attend. Information regarding the ELA Train the Trainer Workshop (and additional mathematics workshops) will be shared soon.

Workshop	Location	Date/Time
Connecticut SAT Train the Trainer Workshop Mathematics	Connecticut Association of Schools 30 Realty Drive Cheshire, CT 06410	December 2, 2015 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Register
		December 3, 2015 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Register

College Board Student Accounts

All Grade 11 students are encouraged to create a College Board student account. With a College Board account, students can access their SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and AP scores online and send them to colleges.

Students should follow these steps to create a College Board student account:

1. Go to www.CollegeBoard.org
2. Click on "Sign Up"
3. Select "I am a Student"
4. Provide contact information
5. Create a user name and password
6. Read and agree to the Terms & Conditions

Connecticut SAT Accommodations for Eligible Students

The CSDE is committed to ensuring that eligible students can take the Connecticut SAT with the accommodations they need.

To submit requests for accommodations, schools must designate a Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Coordinator. To request an SSD account, complete the [SSD Coordinator Form](#) and fax it to College Board SSD at 866-360-0114. An access code to use with the [College Board professional account](#) will be provided within two days. For more information about accessing the account for the first time, see [How to Sign Up for SSD Online](#).

Below are two options for requesting accommodations through the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) process.

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Option 1: College Board Accommodation Approval Process

The College Board [Disability Documentation Guidelines](#) list the documents that are needed for approval. If specific student documentation is missing, the school's SSD Coordinator should still submit available documentation to the College Board for review. The College Board will notify the SSD Coordinator of approved accommodations for specific students. The status of student accommodation requests can be monitored by using the SSD online system.

All accommodation requests must be submitted to the College Board by January 12, 2016. Each submitted and revised/resubmitted request can take up to seven weeks to be approved.

Option 2: State-Approved Accommodation Process

Accommodations for eligible students must be submitted through the SSD Online system for state approval. Additional information about the State-Approved Accommodation process will be available soon.

An Understanding College Board Accommodations Webinar and the Connecticut SAT Accommodations for Special Populations Workshop will provide further information (see below).

Understanding College Board Accommodations Webinar

The College Board will hold a webinar for participants to learn how to request accommodations for the Connecticut SAT School Day. The webinar will provide a timeline, information on the types of accommodations and how to submit accommodation requests. The webinar will be recorded and archived.

Understanding College Board Accommodations Webinar	Monday December 7, 2015	2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Register
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Connecticut SAT Accommodations Options for Special Populations Workshop

The CSDE is offering half-day workshops designed to review the process of ensuring that eligible students have accommodations they need when taking the Connecticut SAT. This workshop, presented by CSDE staff, will answer questions district personnel may have regarding accommodations for all special populations; including students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 plan, or are identified as English learners.

Connecticut SAT Accommodations Options Workshop		Date	Time
Register by December 11, 2015	Central Connecticut State University Institute for Technology and Business Development (ITBD) 185 Main Street New Britain, CT 06051	December 15, 2015	8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
			12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
		December 17, 2015	8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
			12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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Connecticut Smarter Balanced and CMT/CAPT Science

Technology Requirements for Online Testing Webinar

The CSDE and AIR will be holding Technology Requirements for Online Testing webinars for Technology Coordinators. An overview of the technology requirements needed on all computers and devices used for online testing (Smarter Balanced and students who will be administered the CMT/CAPT Science online), information on secure browser installation, and voice packs for text-to-speech will be provided. Register for **one** webinar below. A webinar will be recorded and archived.

Smarter Balanced & CMT/CAPT Science Technology Requirements for Online Testing Webinar	Tuesday December 1, 2015	2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Register
	Tuesday December 8, 2015	2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Register

TIDE, How to Start/Monitor Online Testing, and Test Settings Webinar

The CSDE and AIR will be holding TIDE, How to Start/Monitor Online Testing, and Test Settings webinars for District Administrators, District Test Coordinators and School Coordinators. An overview of how to navigate the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) and the Test Delivery System (TDS) for Smarter Balanced and students who will be administered the CMT/CAPT Science. Participants will learn how to set student settings in TIDE and start/monitor a test session using the TA Interface. Register for **one** webinar below. A webinar will be recorded and archived.

Smarter Balanced & CMT/CAPT Science TIDE, How to Start/Monitor Online Testing, and Test Settings Webinar	Tuesday December 1, 2015	3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Register
	Thursday December 3, 2015	3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Register

Connecticut Smarter Balanced

Designated Supports and Accommodations

The [Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments](#) allow students to receive the same designated supports and accommodations that they will receive on the summative assessments. However, Braille booklets are not available for the interim assessments. As is the case with the summative assessments, only students with an IEP or Section 504 plan can receive accommodations.

This year, designated supports and accommodations are made directly in [TIDE](#) under Test Settings. The [TIDE Test Settings Brochure](#) provides a brief overview on how to manage student test settings in TIDE. The [TIDE User Guide](#) provides detailed instructions for uploading and/or modifying student settings in TIDE.

Professional Development Opportunities

Professional development opportunities are available on the [Connecticut Core Standards Web site](#). The CSDE is currently offering the following:

- [Using the Smarter Balanced Digital Library to Support Teaching & Learning](#)
- [The What, the How and the Why of the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments](#)

Previous CSDE professional development materials are available on the [Library of Professional Learning Materials page](#).

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2015-16 Important Dates	
Smarter Balanced & CMT/CAPT Science Technology Requirements for Online Testing Webinar	December 1, 2015 or December 8, 2015
Smarter Balanced & CMT/CAPT Science TIDE, How to Start/Monitor Online Testing, and Test Settings Webinar	December 1, 2015 or December 3, 2015
Overview of Connecticut SAT School Day Webinar	December 2, 2015
Connecticut SAT Train the Trainer Workshop: Mathematics	December 2, 2015 or December 3, 2015
Understanding College Board Accommodations Webinar	December 7, 2015
Connecticut SAT Implementation Workshop	December 9, 2015
Connecticut SAT Accommodations Options Workshop	December 15, 2015 or December 17, 2015
Connecticut SAT School Day	March 2, 2016 make up: April 27, 2016

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